MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) 47,575 registered looms.

(*b*) 716 and 285 registered looms respectively.

(*c*) The supply is made on the basis of the number of looms and in proportion to the stock received.

Handlooms.

347. ✱ MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of handlooms in existence as per the census taken in 1120; and

(*b*) the number of handlooms actually registered in 1120?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) 47,575.

(*b*) 47,575—registration effected only in 1121.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether it has come to the notice of Government that some looms have not been able to work throughout the week?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have already answered the question.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether notices were issued to the handlooms which were registered from the taluk authorities?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Honourable member has brought this to my notice and the matter is being dealt with.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government propose to press for more yarn with the Government of India?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: We have been pressing and they have refused to give us any more yarn.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartigapalli*): Is the honourable member aware that representations to the effect that handlooms which have been working in Kanjirapalli have not been registered?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: All these matters will be looked into as separate individual cases on their own merits, not by the issue of a general notification.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I take it then that they will be given a chance?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Certainly.

Control of handloom products.

348. ✱ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the necessity of introducing measures to control the price of handloom products; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the steps taken in that direction?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A sub-committee of the Central Textile Advisory Committee has been constituted to go into the question and report on the matter.

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MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether there is any direction as regards the time-limit during which the sub-committee has to submit its report?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No time-limit is fixed.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether there are any directions to control the price of handloom articles in view of the unsteady prices?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: As soon as the committee's report is received by Government, they will consider the matter.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Is the honourable member aware that the prices of handloom products are considerably reduced after the measures that have been taken by the Advisory Board?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I am not aware.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether Government have banned the production of furnishing fabrics?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: To a small extent. We may want these furnishing fabrics. But unrestricted production will be controlled.

MR. P. C. ADICHAN (*Nominated*): കൈത്തറിനൂൽകൊണ്ടുള്ള തുണിയാണ് സാധാരണ ക്ലിവേലക്കാർക്ക് അളുകം ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: അറിയാം.

MR. P. C. ADICHAN: സർ, സാധാരണ ഇവിടെ റേഷൻ വിതരണത്തിനു കൊടുക്കുന്ന തുണിയിൽ ക്ലിവേലക്കാക്ക് ഉപയോഗിക്കാൻ തക്കതായ തുണിയില്ലെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: തുണി ഉണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ കൈത്തറി നൂലിന് വില സ്വല്പം കൂടുതലാണ്.

MR. P. C. ADICHAN: കൈത്തറി നെയ്ത്തുകർ തുണി ഭയങ്കരമായ വിലയ്ക്ക് വിറ്റുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: അതുകൊണ്ടാണ് കൈത്തറിത്തുണികളുടെ പ്രൈസ് കൺട്രോൾ ചെയ്യണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു.

Monthly quotas to the retail dealers in textiles.

349. *MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Textile Commissioner adopts any definite principle in the matter of issuing monthly quotas to the retail dealers in textiles; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the principle adopted by the Commissioner?

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